

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 7 has been amended and new claim 93 has been added. Accordingly, claims 2-16, 18, 20-28, 30-32, 34-89, and 92-93 are pending and under consideration.

Claims 54-55

In item 4, the Office Action notes that claims 54 and 55 are in condition for allowance.

Rejection of Claims 2-16, 18, 20-28, 30-32, 34-53, 56-89, and 92 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 2-16, 18, 20-28, 30-32, 34-53, 56-89, and 92 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,621,429 issued to Yamaashi et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Yamaashi") in view of Background of the Instance Application (hereinafter referred to as "Background"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Yamaashi and Background, taken separately or in combination, does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "said apparatus is a set-top-box and said target device comprises a digital television set," as recited in claim 7.

Claims 2-6 and 8-11 depend from claim 7 and include all of the features of claim 7. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 2-6 and 8-11 are also patentably distinguishable from Yamaashi.

Yamaashi and Background, taken separately or in combination, does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "wherein said apparatus comprises a digital television set and said source comprises a set-top-box," as recited in claim 20.

Claims 21-25 depend from claim 20 and include all of the features of claim 20. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 21-25 are also patentably distinguishable from Yamaashi.

Yamaashi and Background, taken separately or in combination, does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "wherein said source comprises a set-top-box digital television and said target comprises a digital television set," as recited in claim 34.

Claims 35-39 and 46-51 depend from claim 34 and include all of the features of claim 34. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 35-39 and 46-51 are also patentably distinguishable from Yamaashi.

Yamaashi and Background, taken separately or in combination, does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "wherein said source comprises a set-top-box digital television and said target comprises a digital television set," as recited in claims 56 and 73.

Claims 57-64 and 67-70 depend from claim 56 and include all of the features of claim 56. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 57-64 and 67-70 are also patentably distinguishable from Yamaashi.

Claims 74-81 and 84-87 depend from claim 73 and include all of the features of claim 73. Therefore, for at least these reasons, claims 74-81 and 84-87 are also patentably distinguishable from Yamaashi.

Applicant respectfully submits that one having ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Yamaashi with the Background of the present application. Yamaashi does not refer to any communications between a digital television and set-top box. Instead, as shown in Figure 4B or discussed in col. 1, lines 5-15, Yamaashi is applied to a computer system coupled to a computer network. Because Yamaashi refers to displaying in windows information supplied by a computer network (i.e., computer network application) instead of communication between a digital set-top box and a digital television, one having ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Yamaashi with the Background of the present application.

In addition, Applicant respectfully submits that Yamaashi and the Background of the present invention, taken separately or in combination, do not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "sending, from said source to said target, a query to receive said information, and sending said information from said target to said source," as recited in claims 58 and 75.

Further, Applicant respectfully submits that Yamaashi and the Background of the present invention, taken separately or in combination, does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least, "said controller periodically receives from said target device information comprising at least one of display capabilities and display features of said target device," as recited in claim 92 (at least paragraph [0047] of the specification provides support for this new claim).

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Summary

Claims 2-16, 18, 20-28, 30-32, 34-89, and 92-93 are pending and under consideration. It is respectfully submitted that none of the references taken alone or in combination disclose the present claimed invention.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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Respectfully submitted,

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